

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 9, 2006

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.  
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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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CASE NO. PUC-1997-00135

EX PARTE: In re: Implementation of  
Requirements of § 214 (e) of the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996

APPLICATION OF NATIONSLINE  
VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2006-00126

For designation as an eligible  
telecommunications carrier under  
47 U.S.C. § 214 (e) (2)

ORDER REQUESTING COMMENTS,  
OBJECTIONS, OR REQUESTS FOR HEARING

On September 15, 1997, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") established the docket in Case No. PUC-1997-00135 to consider requests of local exchange carriers ("LECs") to be designated as eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETC designation") to receive universal service support pursuant to § 214 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 251 et seq., (the "Act") and associated federal regulations.<sup>1</sup> The Commission has asserted jurisdiction under § 214 (e) (2) of the Act to make ETC designations.<sup>2</sup>

On September 19, 2006, NationsLine Virginia, Inc. ("NationsLine"), filed its application for eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") designation, which is now docketed as Case No.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.201-207.

<sup>2</sup> See Order Granting Waiver, issued December 17, 1997, designating listed LECs as eligible telecommunications carriers. Cox Virginia Telcom, Inc., ("Cox") is the only Competitive Local Exchange Carrier ("CLEC") that has been granted ETC designation, however, that status was subsequently relinquished upon Cox's request. (See Case No. PUC-2003-00167).

PUC-2006-00126. NationsLine is a CLEC that is certificated to provide local exchange telecommunications services in Virginia pursuant to § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia and the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification and Regulation of Competitive Local Exchange Carriers. 20 VAC 5-417-10 et seq. NationsLine offers service in the service territory of incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") Verizon Virginia, Inc., Verizon South Inc., Central Telephone Company of Virginia ("Central") and United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("United"). NationsLine provides local exchange service, intraLATA toll service, and interLATA toll service by using its own facilities and leased facilities. NationsLine requests ETC designation in the exchanges of Verizon Virginia Inc., Verizon South Inc., Central, and United where NationsLine provides or offers eligible telecommunications services.

The Commission is of the opinion that all local exchange carriers ("LECs") should have an opportunity to file comments, objections, or requests for hearing. Therefore, we will cause this Order to be served upon all LECs and further direct NationsLine to provide a copy of its application to any party or LEC requesting a copy. Copies of the application can be obtained by contacting NationsLine's counsel, Stephen Athanson, Esquire, 3435 Chip Drive, Roanoke, Virginia 24012. Copies of the application are also available by accessing the Commission's website <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm>, and using the Docket Search option.

Any party or LEC desiring to file comments, objections, or requests for hearing should do so no later than December 15, 2006. Any objections should include a statement of all reasons for such opposition; and if the objection is to a specific territory, that territory should be clearly defined. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions found on the Commission's website, <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm>. Requests for hearing shall state with specificity why such concerns cannot be adequately

addressed in written comments. NationsLine should be granted leave to file a reply to any comments or objections on or before January 3, 2007.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) NationsLine shall provide a copy of its application to any party or LEC requesting a copy.

(2) On or before December 15, 2006, any party or LEC may file its comments, objections, and/or requests for hearing, consistent with the findings above.

(3) On or before January 16, 2007, the Commission Staff may file any report or comments regarding NationsLine's application and any of the comments or objections of parties.

(4) NationsLine is hereby granted leave to file its reply to any comments or objections on or before January 31, 2007.

(5) This case is continued generally.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to all LECs certificated in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as set out in Appendix A of this Order; Stephen Athanson, Esquire, 3435 Chip Drive, Roanoke, Virginia 24012; C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of Attorney General, 900 East Main Street, Second Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219; and the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Division of Communications.